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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF G.K. REDDY ARTICLE TITLED:
"TASKS FACING INDIA'S NEW AMBASSADOR IN U.S." APPEARING
IN SEPTEMBER 29 HINDU.

QUOTE

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, MR. WILLIAM SAXBE, WILL BE PROCEEDING
ON HOME LEAVE TOWARDS THE END OF NOVEMBER BEFORE GIVING UP
HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT AFTER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS
TAKEN OVER IN WASHINGTON.

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THOUGH HIS RESIGNATION WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE NEW PRESIDENT, MR. SAXBE IS NOT EXPECTED TO GET BACK TO DELHI TO FORMALLY RELINQUISH CHARGE.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MISSION, MR. DAVID SCHNEIDER, A VETERAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, WILL FUNCTION AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FOR AT LEAST TWO OR THREE MONTHS TILL A NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR IS APPOINTED. AFTER EACH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR ALL U.S. AMBASSADORS TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO THE NEW PRESIDENT TO GIVE HIM THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN RETAINING THOSE WHOM HE WANTS AND REPLACING THE REST WITH THOSE WHO ARE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

OF THE TEN U.S. AMBASSADORS THAT HAVE SERVED IN DELHI SINCE 1947, MR. SAXBE'S TERM IS THE SHORTEST. HE IS RELINQUISHING THIS APPOINTMENT AFTER LESS THAN TWO YEARS WHICH IS TOO SHORT A PERIOD TO MAKE AN IMPACT EVEN IN THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT IN HIS CASE IT HAS BEEN DOUBLY UNFORTUNATE THAT HE HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN DELHI. HE IS IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT FOLLOWED THE RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN.

THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO U.S., MR. KEWAL SINGH, IS LEAVING DELHI ON OCTOBER 4 AND AFTER A FEW DAYS IN PARIS AND LONDON, HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON WELL IN TIME TO TAKE A RING-SIDE SEAT AND FOLLOW CLOSELY THE FINAL STAGES OF THE CRUCIAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION INVOLVING BOTH PERSONALITIES AND POLICIES IN A MUCH SHARPER FORM. IT WILL BE A GOOD INITIATION FOR HIM TO WATCH AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AT WORK IN THE THICK OF A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND GET WELL ACQUAINTED WITH CURRENTS AND CROSS-CURRENTS OF U.S. POLITICS AT WORK, BEFORE SETTLING DOWN TO THE TASKS OF IMPROVING INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

IF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY GOES THROUGH A TWILIGHT PERIOD EVERY FOUR YEARS WHEN THE COUNTRY GETS TOTALLY IMMERSSED IN THE POLITICS OF A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, IT GRINDS TO A VIRTUAL HALT DURING THE THREE-MONTH INTERREGNUM BETWEEN THE ACTUAL POLL IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND THE INAUGURATION OF

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THE PRESIDENT - ELECT IN THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY FOLLOWED BY THE INSTALLATION OF HIS ADMINISTRATION OF OFFICE. THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS LEARNT TO LIVE WITH THESE VAGARIES OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH HAVE BECOME AN ACCEPTED PART OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE.

NO IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE EITHER ATTEMPTED OR TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DURING SUCH PERIODS WHEN AN

OUT-GOING ADMINISTRATION IS IN NO POSITION TO SPEAK FOR OR COMMIT THE SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT TO ANY PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION. EVEN THE TYPE OF GOOD SAMARITAN ROLE THAT DR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN PLAYING TO AVERT THE TRAGEDY OF A RACIAL CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS KEYED TO THE FORTUNES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE SENSE THAT IT WOULD CERTAINLY HELP TO BOOST THE PRESTIGE OF THE PRESENT INCUMBENT FIGHTING HARD FOR HIS SURVIVAL IN THIS BITTERLY-CONTESTED ELECTION.

IN A POLITICAL SYSTEM WHERE THE PRESIDENT CANNOT ALWAYS HAVE HIS WAY WITH CONGRESS IN ENSURING LEGISLATIVE SANCTION FOR HIS EXECUTIVE ACTIONS, IT IS VERY NECESSARY FOR THE FOREIGN MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH THE BRANCHES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TO EXERT ALL ITS INFLUENCE WITH CONGRESS TO GET THROUGH WITH ITS OWN LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS, IT WILL HAVE NO TIME OR DESIRE LEFT TO FIGHT THE BATTLES OF OTHER COUNTRIES ON ISSUES LIKE FOREIGN AID OR NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION IN THE ABSENCE OF A MATCHING EFFORT BY THEM TO CREATE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR POLICIES AMONG INFLUENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, WHO ARE EASILY APPROACHABLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

ONE OF THE PRIMARY TASKS OF MR. KEWAL SINGH IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT WILL BE TO ESTABLISH A BETTER RAPPORT WITH THE MORE IMPORTANT SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES BELONGING TO BOTH THE PARTIES, WHILE ENDEAVOURING FOR A CLOSER UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. THE U.S. IS PERHAPS THE ONLY COUNTRY WHERE THE FOREIGN DIPLOMATS CAN ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH CONGRESSMEN AND CANVASS SUPPORT WITHOUT CAUSING ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION. THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS WHEN INDIA ITSELF HAS OPENLY CAMPAIGNED IN

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CONGRESS AND THE PRESS AGAINST SOME OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICIES LIKE PRESIDENT NIXON'S SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN DURING THE BANGLADESH CONFLICT.

IN HIS OWN QUIET AND UNOSTENTATIOUS WAY, MR. KEWAL SINGH IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS AND THE PRESS FOR CREATING A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF INDIA'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SEEK APPROVAL OF EVERY STEP TAKEN BY INDIA IN PURSUIT OF ITS OWN INTERESTS, SO LONG AS THERE IS A BETTER AWARENESS OF THE BASIC PURPOSES. HE IS ARRIVING ON THE AMERICAN SCENE AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS A MATCHING DESIRE ON BOTH SIDES FOR AN EARLY IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. UNQUOTE. SCOTT

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